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A Hall Full of Changes

Kate Bristol
Assistant Editor

Recent personnel changes in deChantal Hall, specifically in Residence Life and Student Affairs, have raised a few eyebrows. The changes, as stated in Dr. Maureen Powers' statement to the Saint Leo Community, includes, that the Interim Director of Student Activities who was formerly Dr. Dan McColley, is now, Mrs. Nancy Pond. Also, Mr. Jason Zelesky will assume Mr. David Seales' duties as the Interim Director of Residence Life.

Mr. David Hall is now the Interim Coordinator of Residence Life. Mrs. Gail Williams has become Interim Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Interim Director of Marmion-Synder Hall is Mr. Eric Anderson. Dr. Powers was unable to release any personnel information on any of the people no longer with the college.

The Assistant Director of Residence Life, Mr. B. David Galt, is now on a college requested administrative leave. Dr. Maureen Powers, Vice President of Student Affairs, stated, "Until a final conclusion can be made on B. David Galt's status with this school, he is still a member of the Saint Leo Community, and still resides in his apartment in Alumni Hall."

When asked about various rumors concerning any employees' personal lifestyles Dr. Powers responded, "There has been absolutely no discussion of anyone's personal lifestyle in connection with their function on campus."

According to Dr. Powers, all personnel changes are reviewed by Dr. A. Kirk, President of Saint Leo College, and Mr. Weicherding, Vice President of Business and Finance. The procedure of permanently filling any positions begins with posting advertisements on campus for three days, and then placing the advertisements in various newspapers. All interim personnel are eligible for the permanent positions. Positions will be filled one at a time.

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Internet Technology Update

Kathleen McManus
Staff Writers

A student waits for her webpage to appear

In planning the computer lab, Dr. Maureen Powers, Vice President of Student Affairs, listened to requests for an easily accessible computer facility. The lab will open from when the library opens in the morning to 2:00 a.m. It will be supervised and assistance will be available. There will be twelve computer units and two high tech laser printers. Handicap access, by means of a ramp is being planned. The entrance to the lab after library hours will be in the back of the library, where more light will be added as well for security. There is also a plan for a nightly study lounge on the bottom floor, with times to be determined.

The computers will be more advanced than the units in the computer labs now. A. Kevin Barton, Assistant Director of Administrative Computing and Telecommunications, has worked with Dr. Powers in the planning of the lab and ordering of the computers. He explained that each computer will be a Pentium 166 Multi-media unit with 32 megabytes of memory. Each will have a direct internet connection through LAN to T1 through fiber optics.

For those of you not technologicallyinclined, this means a quick Internet hookup and a lot of memory. Also, the computers will be installed with Microsoft Office, which includes Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as other programs.

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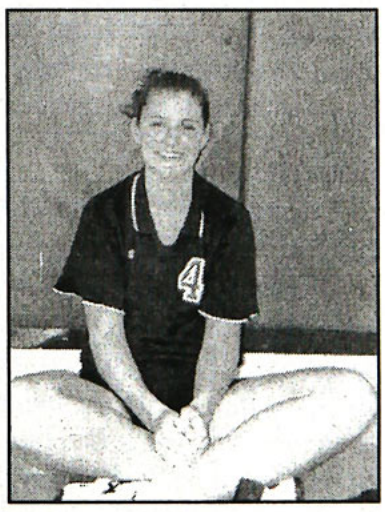
Volleyball Team Member Quick to Offer Aid

Linda Banuat
Staff Writer

The yearly San Antonio Rattlesnake Festival has always been an event that provides the area with a sense of community and pride. Each year, on the third Saturday of October, many of the area's residents gather together for social merriment. This year's activities were well planned and organized.Although the weather was rainy, the community gathered in large numbers to take part in the annual Rattlesnake Run. Several students from Saint Leo College were there to join in the fun. Among the participants was April Phelan, a member of Saint Leo's prominent volleyball team.

The run started as planned. The racers were following a course along McMullen road. Soon runners were slowing down to their individual paces. At about 8:45 a.m., Richard Walsh, a Port Richey resident, dropped to the ground in need of help. Three race participants came to Walch's aid, and began calling for help. A park officer arrived and asked if anyone was familiar with C.P.R. Ms. Phelan, was the only one who was C.P.R. certified. Phelan began rescue breathing, while the officer administered C.P.R.

Paramedics arrived and took over the rescue attempt. Walsh began breathing, and was transported to Columbia Dade City Hospital. Walsh died at 9:32,the same morning. April Phelan states that she admits that she never wanted to use the C.P.R. techniques that she was taught, but is now glad that she knew them.



April Phelan

The life saving techniques learned through a C.P.R. course are a valuable addition to one's skills. Such skills are usually drawn upon when one least expects a crisis to occur.

"April admits that she never wanted to use the C.P.R. techniques that she was taught, but is now glad that she knew them."

In emergencies, many people who wish to help simply panic. It is vital that someone takes control. April Phelan is such a person. The members of the **Saint Leo Monarch** would like to commend April on her efforts.If you are interested in learning C.P.R., check the upcoming schedule of classes at Saint Leo's Registration office for PED 230, Community First Aid and Safety, or contact the local American Red Cross.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter because I am, to say the very least, disappointed with the cafeteria "situation." It is critically important to note, though, that my forthcoming views are also held by the majority of students; I have talked with many of them quite extensively regarding this subject, and it is the shared belief that the new catering service needs some serious improvement.

First, the quality of the food has declined dramatically. The management advertises grade "A" food products, but, after eating many of the entrees, it is evident that the ingredients used are of the most inexpensive type, a plan obviously contrived to save money. When asked why french fries are no longer available every day, as they were in former years, their response was that it would be "too expensive." I'm still not sure if this answer makes much sense. Perhaps you can judge for yourself. The fact of the matter is that it is almost impossible to find something edible other than cereal and, when the bread is fresh (which is not very often), toast. I'm sure that almost anyone who has had the misfortune of eating in the cafeteria would find this statement to be true.

Second, and probably most importantly, the management does not seem to fit into Saint Leo's home-like ambiance the way it should. They are not at all accessible or visible. This creates an extremely impersonal, disconnected atmosphere, one that is not at all inviting or comfortable. Whenever I have asked for something, I have felt as though my request was a complete nuisance. And someone on the management staff has brilliantly declared that students are not capable enough to choose and serve the food for themselves. As if this is not enough, we are not allowed to have more than one small serving at a time. I am certain that most students are well aware how much food they can consume; I know that I can eat two pieces of chicken for dinner. So, if we want a second portion, we are "encouraged" to go back after we have successfully eaten the first helping. I was recently talking with a student who was appalled to learn that he could not have any pasta because he already had shepard's pie on his plate.

Third, after successfully getting through the line, which, consequently, takes an amazing long time (due to the inefficiency of the serving lines), we have to deal with a lack of cleanliness just about everywhere we turn. There is usually a large puddle of melted ice, along with spilled milk and soda, at the beverage counters. Likewise, the tables are usually filthy, so much so that I've had to clean them off myself before sitting down to eat.

Many of us students who have been at this college for some time now have begun to miss the old management a great deal. They were always asking for our input to better the food and service, and they were completely responsive to students' needs and wants, a critical element that is completely lacking in the new management. They always made me feel at home, almost as though the cafeteria was our own personal kitchen. If someone had specific dietary needs, or if he just wanted a grilled cheese, all he had to do was ask Scott, Lenny, or Tony and it would be made without question or hesitation. This warm, welcoming feeling is exactly the reason many of us chose to come to this school. With a college this small, it really shouldn't be any other way. I hope this first semester is not an indication of what is to come. If it is, there will certainly be a large number of students going elsewhere.

Mike Rodriguez

Dear Editor,

I will be graduating from Saint Leo in May of 1998. I have really enjoyed obtaining a degree at this college. I am the first person in my family to graduate from high school, and now from college. Cosequently, one can imagine my discontent to discover that I would only be allowed to invite five people to celebrate my success. I don not know if the college can fully appreciate how difficult, as well as tramautic, it is to limit attendence with family members. Inevitably, someone is going to feel left out and/or hurt. As such, my perceptions about graduation are becoming less joyful than I had anticipated.

In as much as it was my choice to attend a small, private college, I realize that seating is limited. However, the number of students attending Saint Leo is increasing with each new semester. This increasing enrollment is going to warrant a re-evaluation of seating limits. It is my hope that the powers that be may find a way to continue providing educational needs along with meeting the demands of familial needs. While it is true that I may well be able to find a way around the problem, I do not feel like I should have to do so. My family is paramount in my life. They will be part of me for years to come. I feel like it behooves me to find some solution withich would allow them to participate in my graduation.

Sincerely yours,
M. Phelps

Dear Editor,

With the opening of a new school year, invitations come to join new clubs. I was quite surprised to learn that Delta Epsilon Sigma was not among those who solicit members. The Saint Leo chapter of the National Honor Society is alive and well! There is one small problem, not many students realize that we have a chapter. For those students who transferred to Saint Leo from a junior college, joining an honor society was invitation only. However, such is not the case at Saint Leo. Students do not have to wait for an invitation. Delta Epsilon Sigma readily accepts new members who meet the criteria for joining.

Warning!!! Delta Epsilon Sigma is not a club full of whiz kids dying to overachieve! I was totally taken aback by the club's variety of majors and down to earth members. The club is full of ideas about fun projects and ways to spend money from fundraisers. The only problem is that many people are sitting around the post office waiting to be invited to participate in the futuristic Delta Epsilon Sigma. Futuristic because this club can give students opportunities for their continuing education and thereby their future. Honor society scholarships go a long way toward meeting the financial demands of furthering educational ambitions. Membership also looks good on a rusume.

In short, now is the time to give up babysitting the mailbox with hopes of getting an invitation from Delta Epsilon Sigma. Get over to The Cage on the second and fourth Thursdays at 3:30pm, and tell them that you want a future with HONOR!

Hope to see you there,
Mindy Phelps

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out that in the October 1997 issue of The Monarch, I was wrongly credited as having written a letter to the editor. The letter dealt with students protesting technology fees. I signed this letter but did not write it. A fellow commuter actually wrote the letter, this being Debbie Brooker. Thank you for printing "our" letter, but I would prefer that Debbie get the credit for the work she did.

Sincerely,
Carri Randall

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that the "Snack Shack" has been improved, in part, to benefit the commuter population. The quality of food served is okay, and the workers, Kim and Willie Mae, are without doubt the best! But, the absence of variety and the lack of well-balanced "life" meals are of concern. For someone on campus perhaps three or more days a week, all day, pizzas or subs are not much to choose from. The return of the salad plate would be novel. Perhaps, tuna, chicken or ham salad on sliced bread instead of a bulky sub roll?

For those of us with early classes, opening at a later time is inconvenient. The doors are unlocked at nine, not enough time to have a "breakfast" pizza. Should you want one. And the delay of that second cup of coffee is a killer! The prices are definitely set to clear a profit, and I'm sure they do, especially at night. But what about the commuters needs?

Linda Benton

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THE SECRET TO A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

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Staff Writer

Carla Cruz and Brian Bertucci, are English Majors at Saint Leo College. They are planning to graduate in May, 1998. When asked if there was a magic word for their healthy relationship, they responded, "If there is any magic word, it would be 'communication.'"

"Carla and I," Brian replied,"started dating each other during our high school years, and our relationship seemed perfect. Now that we are in college and most of the time very close to each other, oftentimes, we can drive each other nuts. There is a myth that good couples don't fight, but I think some fighting is necessary for a healthy relationship. It means that one person isn't always getting stepped on."

"I believe that," Carla said, "one should not swallow one's anger, but let it out. However, instead of yelling or name calling, Brian and I allow ourselves time to cool down. Then, we set time to discuss any ongoing and/or unfinished business, before the end of the day."

Brian replied, "My dad always said that one of the best ways of dealing with anger is to not let the sun set upon it. Nevertheless, it took Carla and me a long time to learn to relate to each other with respect. All along, it has been a 'trial and error' relationship. We've always struggled to find out what would work best to make our relationship grow."

"As a matter of fact," Carla said, "there is always a self sacrifice involved in our relationship. If you're going to win some, you've got to lose some. Instead of just 'me, me, me,' we ask ourselves: 'What can I do for the other?' And the most part of it includes creative listening."

"Speaking of creative listening, Carla and I, always remind ourselves that we are talking not to win, but to understand each other better. So, we challenge and encourage ourselves to listen more as we talk. Although I know that I will never finish learning about Carla, I am sure of one thing: creative listening enhances effective communication. The more I listen, the more I learn and appreciate her."

Harassing Phones Calls Annoy Students

John Laconca
Layout Editor

Recently, a string of harassing telephone calls has bombarded Saint Leo College students. To some people, these calls may seem harmless, but to many people, the phone calls are annoying and disturbing to their lives. Security has the ability to track these phone calls, and it does. The tracking of these harassing phone calls involves the use of the voice-mail system.

"It is our job to ensure the safety of students."

Mrs. Jerome Helton
Director of Security

Mrs. Jerome Helton, Director of Security, has stated that if there are reports of harassing phone calls, then security will begin to monitor the phone calls. "If a student gets a phone call," Mrs. Helton stated, "the student reports it to his RA or Hall Director, who then sends them into campus security. If security tracks the phone call to a person on campus, that person's discipline is handled by the Student Affairs department, but if a phone call is viewed as a serious threat, such as something that implies physical violence or is from off-campus, then the security department with call in the local sheriff's department." added Mrs. Helton.

Recently, a flyer was placed in the mailboxes of the students. It informed them of the types of punishments that can happen to the ones making the harassing phone calls. Mrs. Helton has stated, "Since the flyers, the harassing calls have been reduced." Mrs. Helton would also like to add that security is here to protect the students. "It is our job to ensure the safety of students." Mrs. Helton would like the students of Saint Leo College to know that the security department is here to help them.

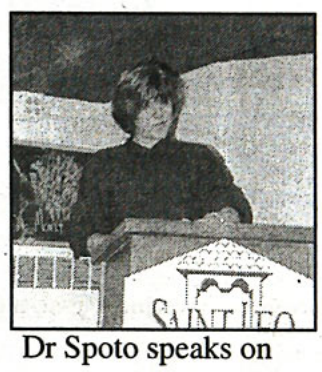
Saint Leo has Halloween Gothic Night

Justin Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

On Halloween night, in the midst of a thunderstorm Dr. Mary Spoto presented an in-depth lecture on the history of vampires. Presented by Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, the lecture took place in the Nightly Grind. In attendance were approximately 40 students and faculty members.

Dr. Spoto, who teaches a Gothic Horror class, began with a selection of a vampire story from James Fitzpatrick O'Brien that was published in 1859. She then proceeded to describethe evolution of the vampire from a figure of local folklore to it spresent day form.

By using writings by various authors, Dr. Spoto demonstrated how the writing evolved from newspaper serials to present day blockbuster films. The presentation concluded with a question and answer session.



Dr Spoto speaks on vampires

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As the Rain Pours Down the Students March on

Tara Fernandez
Editor

With flags raised high and rain showering down from the dark sky, a group of Saint Leo students took a march around the circle. This event marked Saint Leo's annual Fall Festival parade. The flags, representing different countries, were held by various clubs and organizations and represented this year's theme: cultural diversity. In conjunction with this parade, a contest was held for the most creativity and spirit; the awards were given to Italy (Pi Lamda Phi), Greece (Delta Zi Omega), and Scotland (Marmion/Snyder).

The cafeteria sponsored the next event, an Oktoberfest. German cuisine such as bratwurst, sauerkraut, and potato salad were served. A balloonist was also present for everyone's enjoyment.

In order to further the theme of cultural diversity, student clubs and organizations hosted a Carnival in the Cage. Some activities included face painting, marinara sauce tossing, and a raffle.

Another form of entertainment offered at this Fall Festival was a series of skits performed by the Saint Leo Playhouse. "The Rose Tattoo", "Caesar and Cleopatra," and "Ana Christie." There were performances on both Friday and Saturday.

The Luau included Hawaiian cuisine in addition to a group of performers demonstrating the dances of Hawaii. It was held in the cafeteria and followed by an American Indian Exhibition in the Marion Bowman Center. In addition to dancing there was also story telling and a crafts display.

Yet the night was not over because a walk back to the cafeteria would uncover Monte Carlo Night. Various games were manned by student volunteers. The night concluded with an auction of numerous items.

Of course, these were also other events happening during Fall Festival. The SGU's talent show and both a volleyball match and a soccer game were also on the itinerary. Although some may have been disappointed by the lack of sunshine for this Fall Festival, the show still went on.

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Dr. Powers Shares the Story of her Battle with Breast Cancer

Dolorosa Kissaka
Staff Writer

"Everybody gets to choose: to live or to play dead," Dr. Maureen Powers emphasized these options during two meetings with Saint Leo College members, few days ago. In 1996, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and during her second opinion consultation, her surgeon told her that she had a choice, either to have a mastectomy or die within six months.

After reading Love, Medicine, and Miracles by Bernie Siegel that night (a copy handed to her by her second opinion's surgeon), Dr. Powers instantly decided to do all she could to choose life." I chose to see myself as a healthy person who happens to have this disease," she said. She saw getting cancer as a "great wake-up call. It was a gift from God that helped me sit up and take notice of every moment of my life," she said.

Despite the fact that anybody could get this disease, Dr. Powers believes that everybody has great power to fight it. She pointed out that a balanced life was the key to staying healthy. To give her own example, she said that she had cut down her office hours per week from 80 to 40. This gave her more time with her family and friends. She continued to say that to live a balanced life, one had options to eating right, having a sense of humor, physical exercising, self examining, and seeking medical care. She believes that laughter has a positive effect on one's immune system.

Dr. Powers has been able to maintain a positive attitude, but "that doesn't mean you are not afraid," she said. "I may die of a road accident tomorrow or live 40 years, but that is no reason to give in. My goal is to make every moment of my life the best, most enjoyable, and most life-giving that I can," she concluded.

Did you know that "one in nine women in our country will get breast cancer at some time during her lifetime? Did you know that you could win the fight?" According to the American Cancer Society, "the best way to fight cancer is through early detection." Here are the guidelines.

For more information contact Saint Leo's College nurse or call the American Cancer Society: # 1-800-ACS-2345.

Helpful hints to catch breast cancer early
Age 20 - 39:
Examine your breasts monthly.
Have a breast exam by your doctor at least every three years.
Age 40 - 49:
Examine your breasts monthly.
Have a breast exam by your doctor at least every year.
Have a mammogram every one to two years.
Age 50 and over:
Examine your breasts monthly.
Have a breast exam by your doctor every year.
Have a mammogram every year.

GOLDEN BOY IN TIBET

George Root
Staff Writer

The movie industry has been plagued lately with six figure busts. Seven Years in Tibet is a change of pace. It is the heart warming tale of one man becoming aware of his short comings and changing his life. Brad Pitt gives one of his best performances as the Austrian Heinrich Harrer. He even uses an accent that could possibly be mistaken for Austrian.

Setting plays an important role in this Jean-Jacques Annaud film. The time frame is the World War II era. This is symbolic because as the world goes through a change so does Harrer. The cocky Harrer who starts climbing the Himalayas becomes an enlightened individual during his stay, with the help of Tibet's Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama is played by David Thewlis. He is not a cute little Buddha but a religious symbol.

This movie is also a good documentary on human nature. The elements of love, faith, and betrayal are part of the emotional and spiritual overtones of the movie. Seven Years in Tibet leaves a lasting impression because it is based on a true story. It evokes in the viewer a feeling of outrage because of the oppressive ambition of the Germans and more visibly in the film, the Chinese. Hope is not lost though because the Tibetans have faith that change and time are powerful healers.

Don't let the two hour and nineteen minute running time be intimidating. It is definitely a must see and one of the years best dramas. Whether you are looking for war, the blond headed idol (Pitt), or a good historical account there is something for everyone in Seven Years in Tibet. Reward director Annaud by going to see the year's best attempt at creating a classic.

Internet cont'd pg 1
Saint Leo has been improving computer access since last year, when computers were in The Nightly Grind and the Residence Halls. This lab should make crowding easier in these places, as well as the Career Resource Lab, which is a popular area for students to use computers.

Students Mike Wallace and Robert Norris assisted with their computer skills in planning of the lab as well as maintenancethe computers elsewhere on campus. Robert is available for help with the internet. You can call extension 8705 or stop byBenoit Hall room 117 between 2:30 and 4:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday for assistance.

If anyone is interested in applying for a job as a student worker for the lab, call Dr. Maureen Power s office. The lab is scheduled to open as soon as all of the equipment is here. It is anticipated to open before Thanksgiving.

Saint Leo Serves with Heart

Tara Fernandez
Editor

Everyone must grab a rake, a paint brush, or a shovel so that we can get to work. Those were the words of Saint Leo volunteers at Sacred Heart Catholic Church when they all came together to serve the community. Students, staff, and administration were all well represented at this event. The weather was clear and mild. According to Kelly Garrity, " I got a wonderful feeling working with everyone from the President to my fellow students on equal terms." Members of Time Warp,a musical group made up of faculty and students, also kept everyone spirits up by playing various tunes. In addition, a lunch was served up on the grill, in appreciation of everyone's hard work. The event was held November fifteenth from nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon.

Sigma Tau Delta thanks Dr. Mary Spoto for her Halloween presentation on Vampires. The Nighty Grind atmosphere was just right.

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The Student Organizations of Saint Leo College

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Student Government Union
President: **Renee Smith** - ext. 8844 MC 2336
The Student Government Union represents the students of Saint Leo College acting as a liaison between the students, faculty, staff, and administration.
Senate meeting: Monday 6:00pm Crawford Hall Rm. 8

Residence Hall Association
President: **Jason Layton** - ext. 8864 MC V
Residence Hall Association is the collective representative body of all students living in the residence halls at Saint Leo College.

Greek Council
President: **Vicki Galindo** MC 2323
The Greek Council serves as the governing body for all fraternities and sororities at Saint Leo College.

Alpha Phi Alpha
President: **Cory Baker** MC AD

Alpha Xi Omega
President: **Jenn Mitchell** MC AQ

Ambassadors
President: **Jason Layton** MC L

American Marketing Association
President: **Angelo Rittacco** MC K

Best Buddies
Presidents: **Holli Comstock and Laura Reyes** MC AC
Through Best Buddies the college students make friends with the mentally and physically disabled.
Meetings: Wednesday 7:30pm The Cage

Circle K
President: **Charron Skandera** MC N
Circle K International is a service organization that is based on friendship.
Meetings: Thursday 6:00pm Crawford Hall Rm. 4

Delta Epsilon Sigma
President: **Michael Wrasman** MC AW
Meetings: every other Thursday 4:00pm Community Lounge

Florida Future Educators of America
President: **Lillian DiTucci** MC O
Members of Florida Future Educators of America work with students, have guest speakers, and get prepared for the teaching field.

Gamma Upsilon
President: **Vicki Galindo** MC AE

Golden Legend
Editor: **Amber Enrille** MC P
The Golden Legend is Saint Leo College's yearbook.

Kappa Theta
President: **Adam Morales** MC AX

Literary Club
President: **Ana DiDonato** MC Q
The Literary Club produces a literary and art magazine, the "Sandhill Review." For more information stop by the Writing Center, located on the first floor of Lewis Hall.

The Monarch
Editor: **Tara Fernandez** MC R
Meetings: Tuesday 12:30pm Monarch office (deChantal Hall)

National Association of Environmental Professionals
President: **Joe Calamari** MC S

Paciolo Accounting Club
President: **Mike Baluta** MC T

Outdoors Club
MC BC
The Outdoors Club is for anyone interested in spending time outdoors and planning various trips.
Meetings: Thursday 6:00pm deChantal Hall Conference Room

PEER
President: **Kathryn Faulkner** MC M
PEER is an organization that deals with social issues on college campus'.
Meetings: Wednesday 8:15pm deChantal Hall Conference Room

Pi Lambda Phi
President: **Eric Liberty** MC AP

Psi Theta Epsilon
President: **Alyssa Beccera** MC AR

Psychology Club
President: **Nicole Weeks** MC U

Samaritans
President: **Laura Reyes** MC W
The Samaritans are a group of people who are interested in helping those in the community and also on campus.
Meetings: Tuesday 7:00pm The Cage

Sigma Epsilon
President: Yuri Rozobatza MC AU

Sigma Lambda
President: **Ken Perlman** MC AS

Sigma Sigma Sigma
President: **Alex Pajich** MC AT
Sigma Sigma Sigma's national philantrophy is Robbie Page Memorial, the members work to earn money for this fund.

Sigma Tau Delta
President: **Carla Cruz** MC X

SLISA
President: **Two Spirit Daily** MC Y

Social Work Club
President: **Linda Benton** MC Z

STAR
President: **Angela Fordham** MC A

Calendar of Events

December 1 - Christmas Tree Lighting, Women's Basketball: American Univ. of Puerto Rico (Home) 5:30pm, Yearbook Senior Wills Due, 9:00-11:00pm World AIDS Day Vigil

December 2 - Rush Workshop 8-10pm, Men's Basketball: American Univ. of Puerto Rico (Home) 7:30pm

December 3 - SGU Comedy Night 9-11pm Volleyball Referee's Clinic

December 4 - Women's Basketball: Otterbein College, (Home)Volleyball Co Ed Scrimmage, Faculty Colloquium 3:00pm

December 5 - Admission Overnight Open House

December 6 - Women's Basketball: Univ. of Puerto Rico-Bayamon (Home) 5:30pm, Men's Basketball: Univ. of Puerto Rico-Bayamon (Home), Winter Formal 9-11:59pm, Blade, Bike, or Hike Sponsored by Outdoors Rec.

December 7 - Christmas Mass in the Circle: 7pm

December 8 - BACCHUS Candy Gram Sale, Intramural Volleyball Tournament

December 9 - BACCHUS Candy Gram Sale, Intramural Volleyball Tournament, Samaritan Secret Santa 5:30 pm, Virtual Reality 11:30am-7:00pm (Sponsored by SGU)

December 10 - BACCHUS Candy Gram Sale, Intramural Volleyball Tournament

December 11 - BACCHUS Candy Gram Sale, Intramural Volleyball Tournament, Men's Basketball: Webber College (Home) 7:30pm

December 12 - BACCHUS Candy gram Sale

December 15 - Last Day of Classes, Campus Bookstore Open to Buy Books Back

December 16 - ***FINAL EXAMS***, Campus Bookstore Open to Buy Books Back

December 17 - ***FINAL EXAMS***, Campus Bookstore Open to Buy Books Back, Women's Basketball: Albertson College (Home) 5:00pm, Women's Gulf of Mexico Canoe Adventure (Sponsored by Outdoor Rec.)

December 18 - ***FINAL EXAMS***, Campus Bookstore Open to Buy Books Back, Women's Gulf of Mexico Canoe Adventure (Sponsored by Outdoor Rec.)

December 19 - ***FINAL EXAMS,*** Campus Bookstore Open to Buy Books Back, Women's Gulf of Mexico Canoe Adventure (Sponsored by Outdoor Rec.), Last Day to Withdraw from College w/o Failure - NO REFUND, Last Day to Remove Incompletes from Spring/Summer 1997, Residence Halls Close 9:00pm

December 20 - Women's Gulf of Mexico Canoe Adventure (Sponsored by Outdoor Rec.)

December 21 - Men's Basketball: Mt. Aloysius (Home), Women's Gulf of Mexico Canoe Adventure (Sponsored by Outdoor Rec.)

December 22 - Men's Basketball: Spalding University (Home) 7:30pm

December 23 - Grades Due at Noon

December 24 - Offices Closed

December 27 - Men's Basketball: TBA

December 28 - Women's Basketball Lycoming College (Home) 3:00pm

December 29 - Men's Basketball: TBA

December 30 - Women's Basketball: Shawnee James (Home) 5:30pm

December 31 - Grades Mailed

From the Sports Desk

Justin Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

Every Saturday during the Fall, millions of people across the country turn on their T.V.s to watch college kids, people our age play football. College sports, not just football, have turned into a million-dollar industry. Ticket sales and merchandising alone generate massive amounts of money for the colleges. This commercialization of college sports poses the question: have college sports become too big?

It seems that, for more and more players, college has become a stepping stone on their trip to future money and fame in the professional leagues. Has the academic side of college been lost for some athletes? Sports Illustrated has done more than its share of features on grade fixing and cheating in college. However, how does all of this relate to smaller colleges such as Saint Leo?

The special benefit awarded some athletes at larger schools, such as cash payments or free cars, does not appear to happen at Saint Leo. The smaller size of the school and the lack of national attention may have something to do with this lack of special treatment. There does seem to be more of a focus on athletes going to class and doing well. As mentioned in the October 29th edition of the Pasco Section of the Tampa Tribune, soccer players Gavin Redmond and Alan Henry have grade point averages around the 3.7 mark. These two are just a sampling of the fine academic athletes on campus.

The role of sports in college depends largely on the individual student-athlete. Some see college as a springboard into theprofessional leagues, while others understand the importance of grades and attend

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Intramaurals

Sean Golden
Sports Editor

In softball intramural, *Ted Civil's Team* came from the losers' bracket to win the tournament. They defeated *Tutties All-Stars* in a double-header. In the co-ed division, *Marmion/Snyder "A"* won with a victory over *Marmion/Snyder "B."* The *Benoit Bruisers* led the tournament with a .446 batting average. Next was *Tutties All-Stars* with a .420 average; *Ted Civil's Team a* .433 average; *Matt McHugh's Team a* .437 average; *Marmion/Snyder "A" a* .333 average; and *Marmion/Snyder "B" a* .263 average.

The Rattle Snake Run took place on October 18th. It was part of Fall Festival Weekend and the San Antonio Rattle Snake festival. Saint Leo was well represented. In the five mile run, Mike DuDomaine was the winner of the men and Mary Galambos for the women. Jeoffrey Ehrensing finished first in the mile run. Jason Zelesky followed closely behind to finish second.

Coming up will be the results of flag football.

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Play ball, the Stabile way

Sean Golden
Sports Editor

Coach Ed Stabile

Over the summer, Ed Stabile was named the new Saint Leo Baseball coach. He replaced John Schaly. Coach Stabile brings with him many years of experience. He sees this year's squad as being "good offensively and much improved defensively." He also thinks that "there is a better attitude, and, therefore, the team will be more focused."

Stabile played his college ball at Birmingham Southern College where he was All-Conference. He also holds the school record for homeruns in a season, with 14.

Coach Stabile played in the Chicago Cubs organization in 1981 and 1982. He coached and scouted in many major league organizations, including Cleveland, Montreal, and Milwaukee.

Other accomplishments include resurrecting the baseball program at Bishop Moore High School in Orlando. His most recent coaching position was at the University of South Florida, as hitting instructor, where he had three record breaking seasons.

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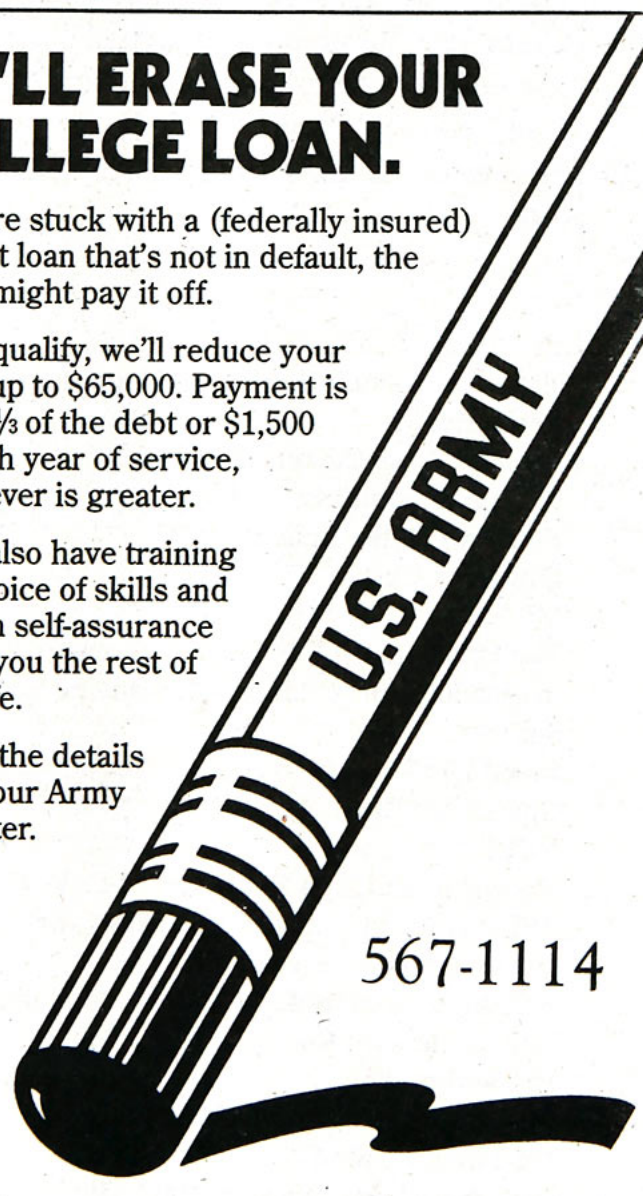

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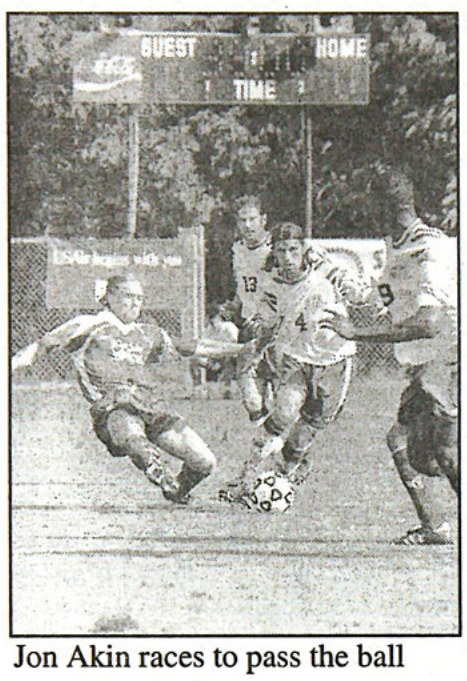
Monarch Sports Profiles

Player Profile:
Name: Jon Akin
Class: Junior
Major: Political Science
Team/Position: Men's Soccer- Midfielder
From: Pensacola, Florida



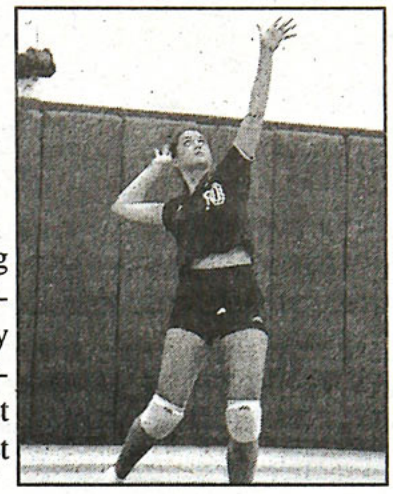
Jon Akin races to pass the ball

Jon has played in every game for the Monarchs for the past three years. In 1995 as a freshman, he was First Team All-Conference, led the team in scoring, highest scoring midfielder in the conference, and was the Saint Leo Academic Athlete of the Year. 1996 was a career year for Jon. He was named Sunshine State Player of the Year, All-American, led Division II in scoring, and also led the division and nation in scoring with 3.6 points per match.

This year Jon has continued what he has done the past two years. About the team, he feels "We are having a great season, but we have had a few unlucky losses."

After college, Jon would like to play professional soccer in either Major League Soccer or in Europe. He also plans on going to law school, and then even running for United States Congress.

Player Profile:
Name: Sheila Essig
Class: Senior
Major: Human Resource Management
Team/Position: Women's Volleyball- Outside Hitter
From: Jacksonville, Alabama


Sheila Essig posed to serve

On Saturday, Nov. 1 Sheila Essig played the final home game in her college career. The Monarchs fell quietly to Sunshine State Conference powerhouse Barry University that day, but Essig's career was anything but quiet during her four years at Saint Leo.

Throughout her career Essig has been a constant foundation for the Lady Monarchs. Though never receiving recognition on the national level, Essig's career statistics speak for themselves. She will leave Saint Leo ranking among the career leaders in serving percentage and digs.

In her previous three years Essig has played in all but one match. She has seen the Volleyball team grow as a team and gain respect in the Sunshine State Conference. The thing that she will take with her from her four years here is seeing the Volleyball team go from "a losing team to a winning team."

When not playing volleyball she can be seen working at the concession stand at the home games for other Saint Leo sports teams.

Volleyball Team Spooks Lynn University on the Court

Justin Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

On Halloween night, the Saint Leo Women's Volleyball team played a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde match against visiting Lynn University. "We played in spurts tonight," Coach Bill Lent commented after the game. The women did manage to pull off the victory, winning 15-7, 15-5, 15-4. This win put the Lady Monarchs' record at 15-14 on the season. Lynn's record fell to 1-11.

In the first game, the Lady Monarchs came out strong, winning the first six points. They then staggered for a bit, and Lynn appeared to gain momentum, pulling to within 4 points. However, with the score at 11-7, with the Monarchs leading, Lynn's communication broke down, and a simple shot fell to the ground untouched.

After a time-out, Junior April Phelan served out the rest of the game for a 15-7 victory. Game two started the same, with Saint Leo jumping out to an early 5-0 lead. The Lady Monarchs were able to stay focused in this game and never allowed Lynn a chance to get back into the game.

In the third and final game, Saint Leo came out a little sluggish and fell behind the young Lynn team. Down 4-3, sophomores Gretchen Graves and Kristy Johnson came up with a huge block that seemed to spark the Lady Monarchs. They evened the score and never looked back, winning the game 15-4 and the match 3-0.

This is the second time Saint Leo defeated the Knights from Lynn University. This is Lynn's first year in the Sunshine State Conference, and their inexperience showed. Playing with a roster of mostly freshmen and sophomores, it was obvious from early on that Lynn would be no contest for Saint Leo. Lynn's lack of height at the net was also a problem all night long for them. With nobody taller than 5'8" on the Lynn squad, Saint Leo was able to dominate at the net throughout the match. By constantly blocking shots, the front line of Saint Leo forced Lynn to have to use less effective shots. Time after time Sophomore Stephanie Compton and Freshman Amy Hutson were able to knock the ball past the Lynn blockers for the needed point.

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school for an education. However, the latter type of student seems to be a dying breed. It seems more and more players are not finishing college in order to be drafted early, and some aren't even attending college anymore preferring to enter the pros straight out of high school.

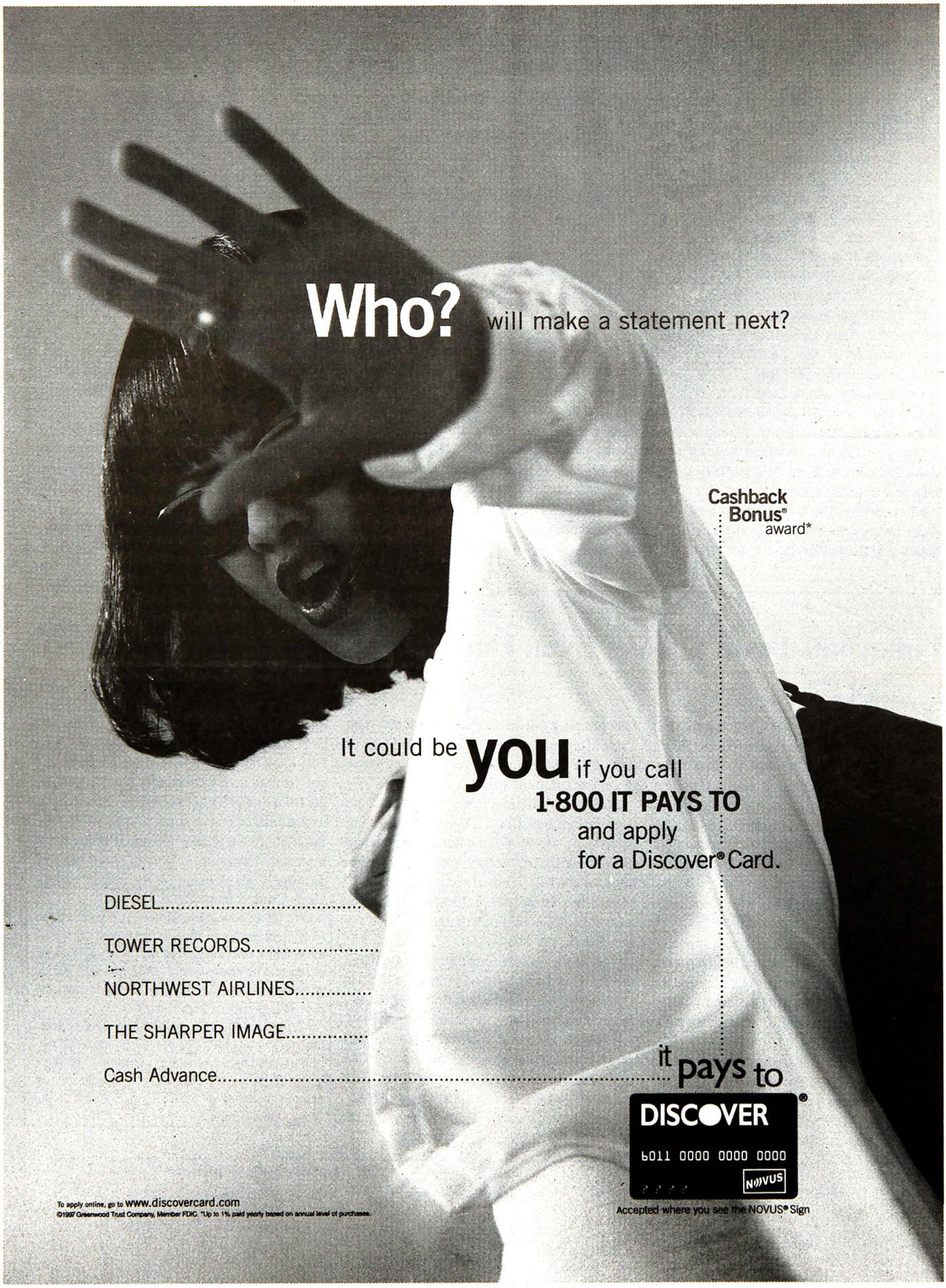
This is not the case in Saint Leo. Our athletes understand that they are in college for an education first and then to play sports second. The same is true for students involved in other activities on campus, whether it is student government, drama or any other activity.

1997 Sunshine State Conference Soccer
(Matches through October 25, 1997)

Team	Conference			Overall			GF	GA
	W	L	T	W	L	T		
Tampa	3	0	0	12	1	0	50	17
Saint Leo	**3**	**1**	**0**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**31**	**13**
Fl. Southern	2	1	1	11	1	2	38	5
Florida Tech	2	1	1	9	5	1	36	23
Rollins	1	2	0	6	7	0	26	26
Barry	1	3	0	6	5	0	25	15
Eckerd	0	4	0	3	12	0	12	40
Lynn	0	0	0	13	1	0	45	5

1997 Sunshine State Conference Volleyball
(Matches through October 5, 1997)

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Barry	6	0	17	3
Tampa	5	1	23	1
Florida Southern	4	2	21	9
Florida Tech	3	3	16	11
Saint Leo	**2**	**4**	**14**	**13**
Rollins	1	5	9	18
Eckerd	0	6	7	13
Lynn	0	0	1	17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